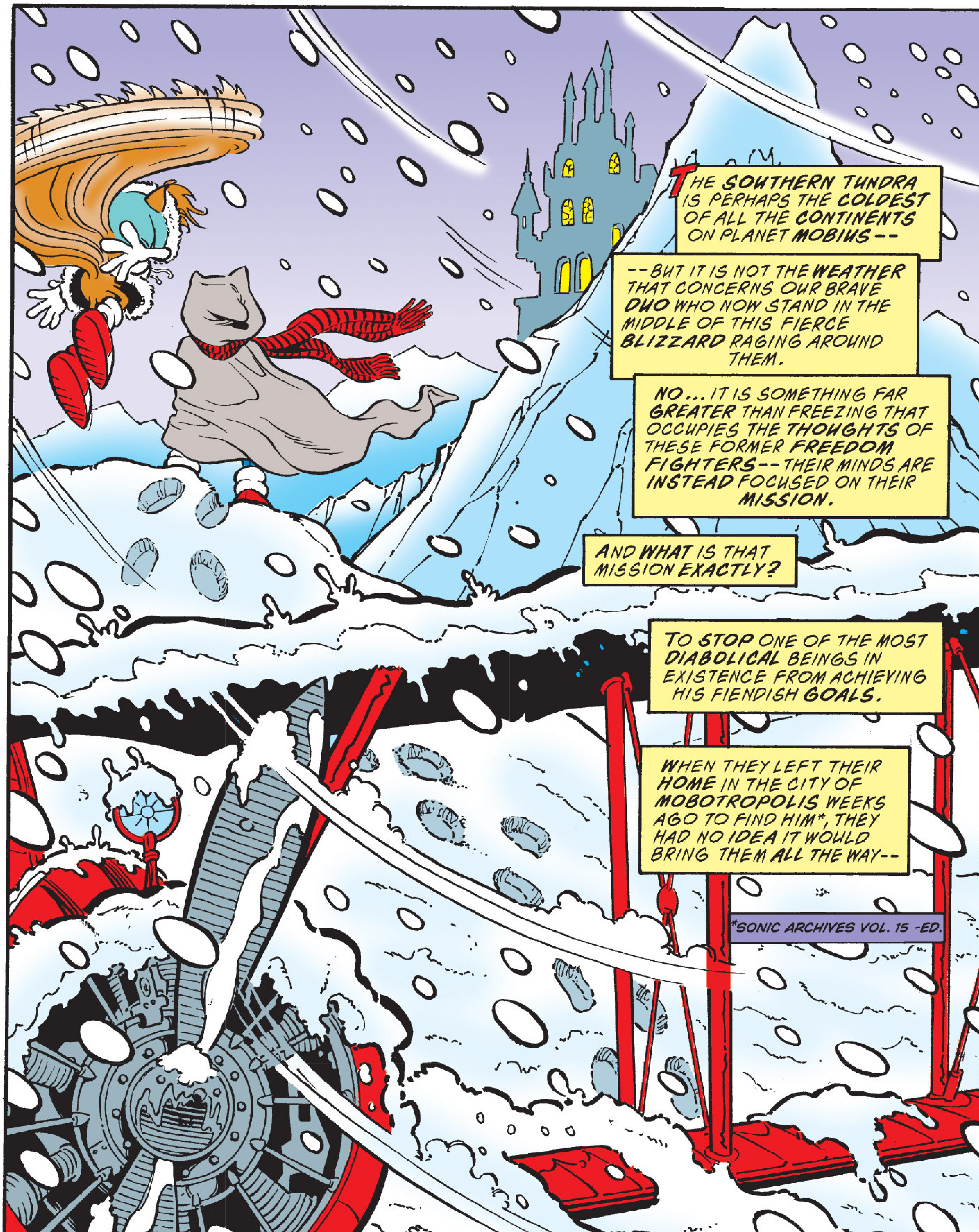




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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
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AT LAST... IXIS NAUGUS!

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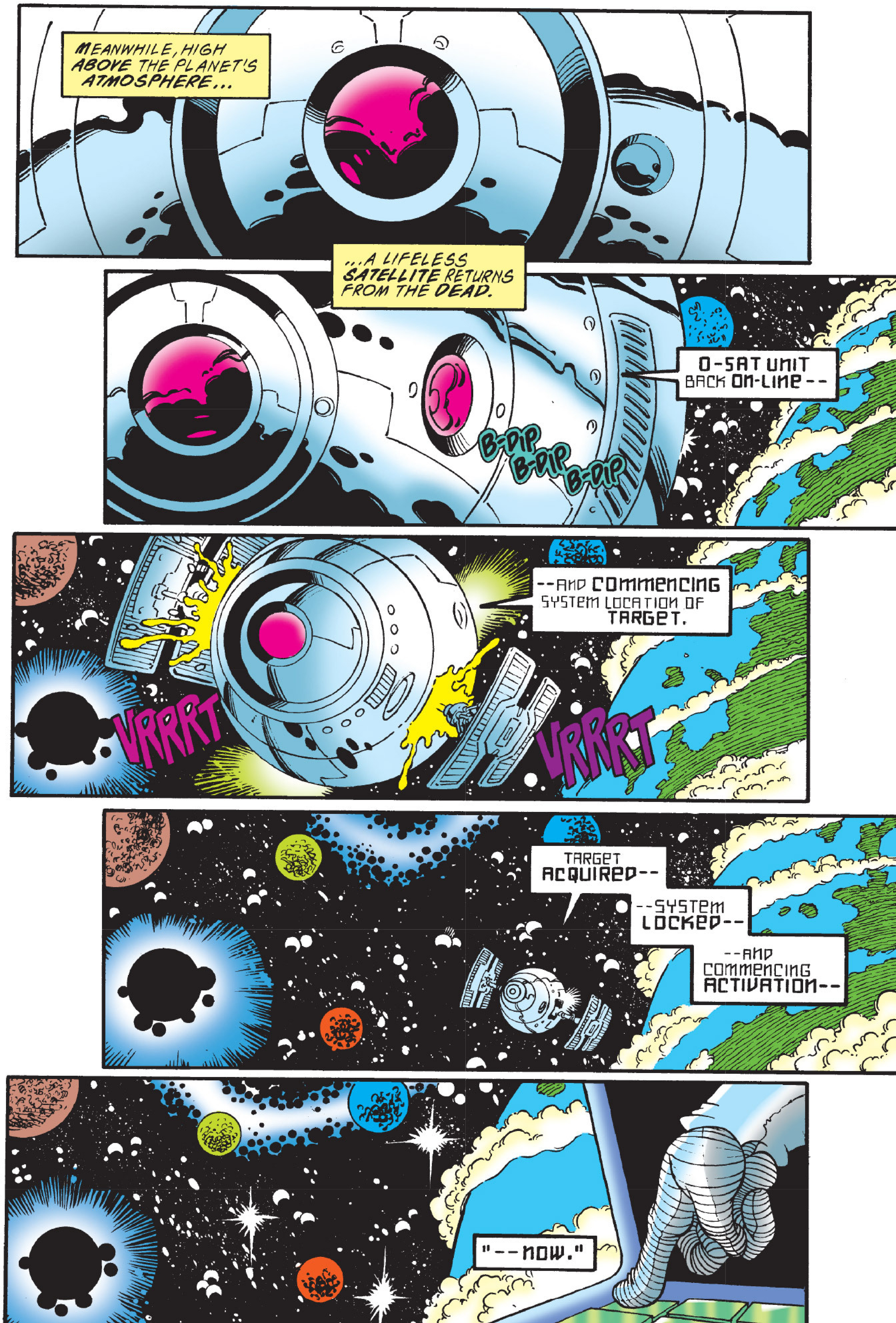


HERE, SONIC?!
MORE LIKE ALL THE WAY UP THERE, TAILS-- IN THE FORTRESS BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF THIS MOUNTAIN!
I'M SURE THAT'S WHERE THE WICKED WIZARD IXIS NAUGUS IS WAITIN' FOR US!
HE KNOWS THAT WE'RE AFTER HIM?
OF COURSE! WHY ELSE WOULD HE THINK WE CAME ALL THIS WAY?
IN SEARCH OF ARCH
AN ALL-NEW SONIC ADVENTURE
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WE COULDN'T HAVE TRACKED HIM WITHOUT THIS GIZMO MY UNCLE CHUCK CREATED!
IT DETECTS THE IONIC RESIDUE LEFT ABOUT BY IXIS' MAGIC AND, ACCORDING TO ITS READINGS, WE'VE FOUND HIM AT LAST!
BUT HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP HIM, SONIC? WHEN YOUR BIPLANE FLEW INTO THIS FRIGID AIR, THE POWER RING THAT ALLOWS IT TO FLY...
...SUDDENLY CONKED OUT!
IT'S TOTALLY USELESS! EVEN IF WE STOP HIS PLANS, WE'RE STRANDED THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME!
IXIS WINS NO MATTER WHAT BECAUSE WE'RE NEVER GONNA SEE OUR FRIENDS AGAIN!
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, LIL' BUDDY! WE CAN'T GIVE IN TO OUR FEARS--
--IXIS IS GONNA BE COUNTING ON THOSE VERY EMOTIONS TO HELP DEFEAT US!
IXIS ENJOYS MAKING US GOOD GUYS DOUBT OUR OWN ABILITIES--MAKES US EASIER TO BEAT!
"THE FIRST TIME WE MET, HE ALMOST MADE US BELIEVE HIS WAND COULD TURN US ALL INTO CRYSTAL--
"--BUT IT REALLY ONLY AFFECTED HIS FOLLOWERS WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE LIKE HE WAS!*"
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 14 -ED.

"THEN HE TOOK POSSESSION OF KING ACORN, HEIGHTENING OUR MONARCH'S FEAR OF ROBOT-ICIZED MOBIANS--
"-- TO SPARK A CIVIL WAR THAT NEARLY TORE APART MOBOTROPOLIS FOR GOOD!*"
*SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -SELECT-ITOR
IF WE LET IXIS GET TO US NOW, THEN WE'VE CHASED HIM ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD FOR NOTHING!
DIDN'T WE MAKE GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO DEFEAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?* HE WAS NO DIFFERENT-- ONE EVIL VILLAIN IS JUST AS BAD AS ANOTHER
YOU'VE GOT MY WORD AS YOUR BEST DUDE, TAILS, THAT I'M GONNA GET US HOME ONCE IXIS IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT--
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 13 -ED.
--POWER RING OR NO POWER RING! TRUST ME...
I WILL, SONIC, I PROMISE...


MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE...
...A LIFELESS SATELLITE RETURNS FROM THE DEAD.
O-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE --
B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP
--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
VRRRT
VRRRT
TARGET ACQUIRED--
--SYSTEM LOCKED--
--AND COMMENCING ACTIVATION--
"--NOW."


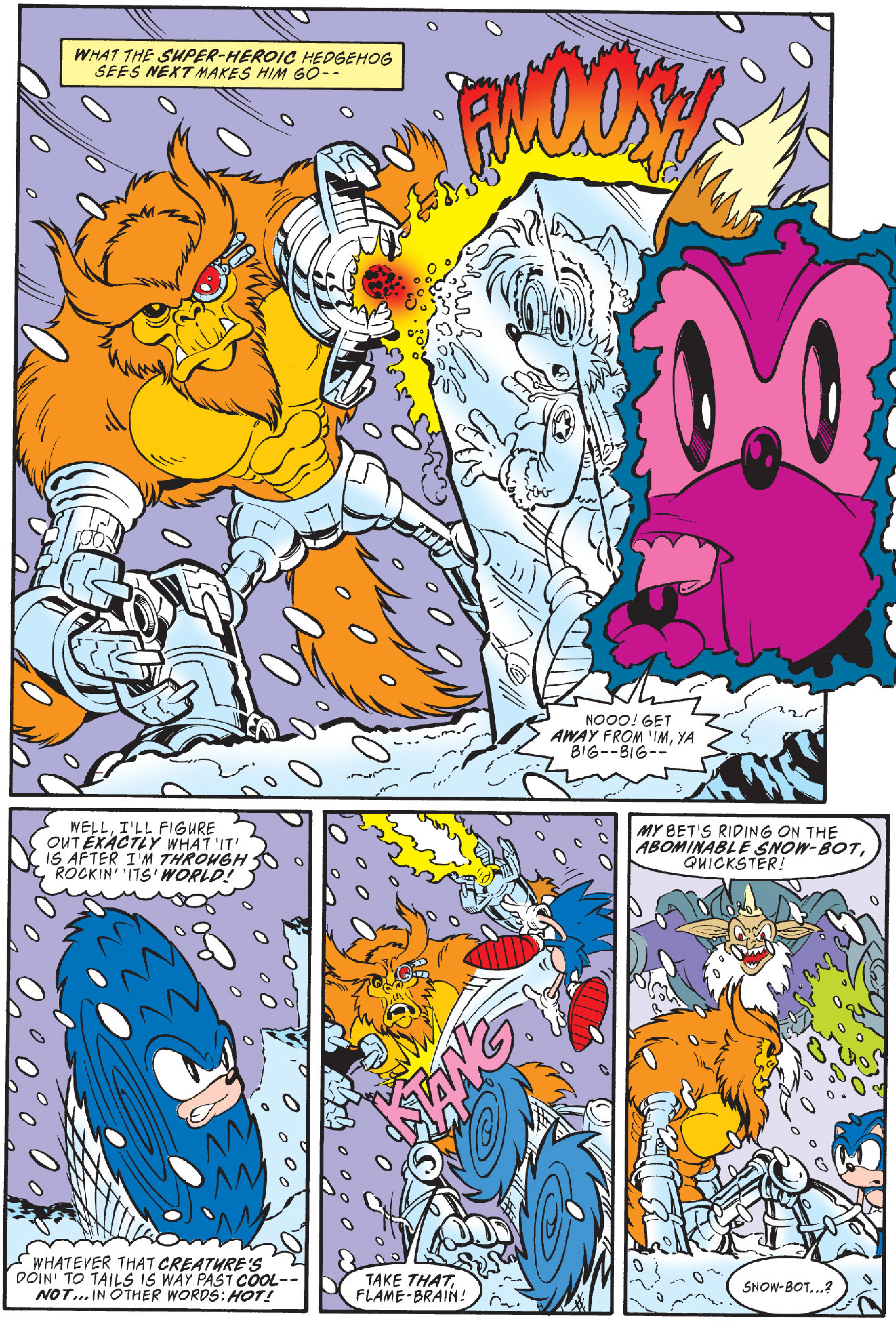
BACK ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE...
I'M NO ROTOR* TAILS, BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S DEVICE SEEMS TO INDICATE IXIS AS BEIN' RIGHT H--
*Sonic and Tails' technologically-skilled friend back in Mobotropolis -ED.
SONIC!
FWOOOSH
UGH!!
WHUFF--!
WHAK
WHOAAAH!
WHAT HAPPENED?
P-TUI
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER--

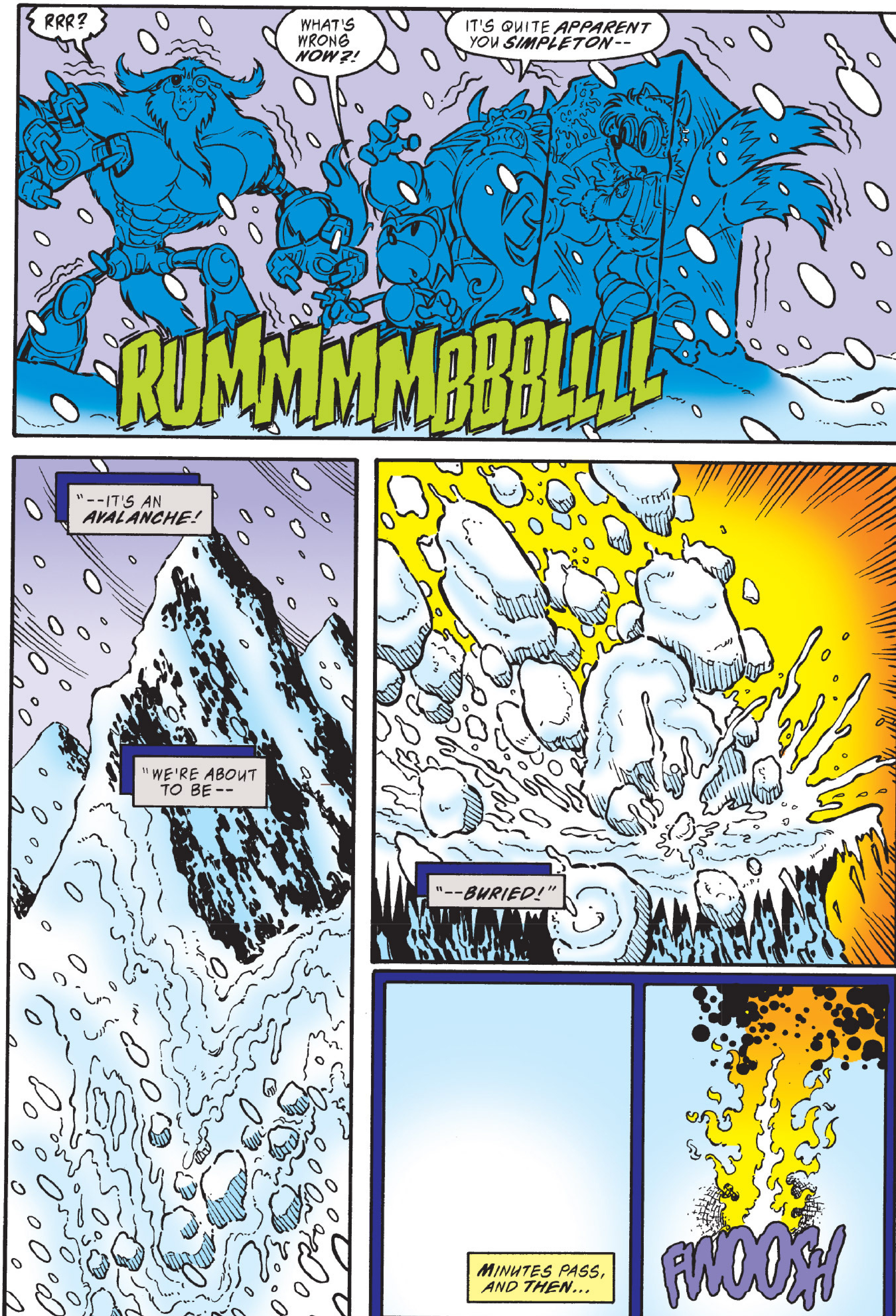

"--IX IS NAUGUS!"
A BRILLANT DEDUCTION, QUICKSTER--
--BUT IT SHALL BE YOUR LAST! YOU AND YOUR FURRY FRIEND HAVE PLAGUED ME FOR FAR TOO LONG--
--BUT NOW, I HAVE THE UPPER-HAND! YOU ARE TRAPPED ON THIS FROZEN WASTELAND WITHOUT A HOPE OF EVER GETTING HOME, FOOLS!
WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS TALISMAN, YOUR VAUNTED SWORD OF ACORNS*-- YOU HAVEN'T A PRAYER AGAINST MY MYSTIC MIGHT--
--SO GO AHEAD--
--TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
OKAY! YOU ASKED FOR IT, CREEP!
SPLAT
*The royal Sword was key to stopping Ixis in SONIC SELECT VOL. 3 -ED.

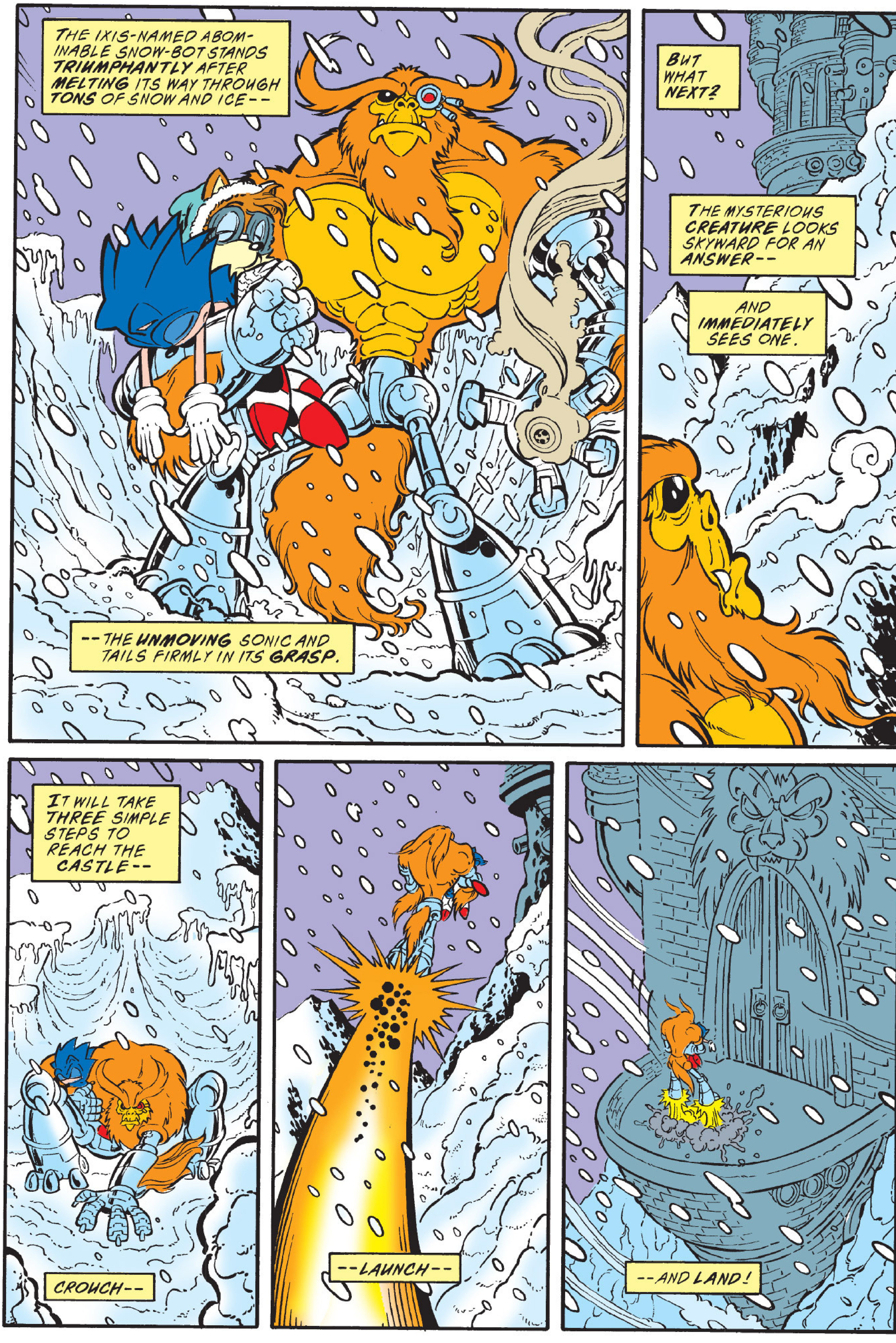



BLAST YOU!
SHRAKKT
WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WENT AND TOLD ME YOUR NEXT MOVE, IXE! A SIMPLE DODGE AND I CAN DO--
--THIS!
HA! HA! HA! DESTROYING YOU IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED, QUICKSTER!
HEY! NO FAIR! I WENT THROUGH HIM LIKE HE WAS--

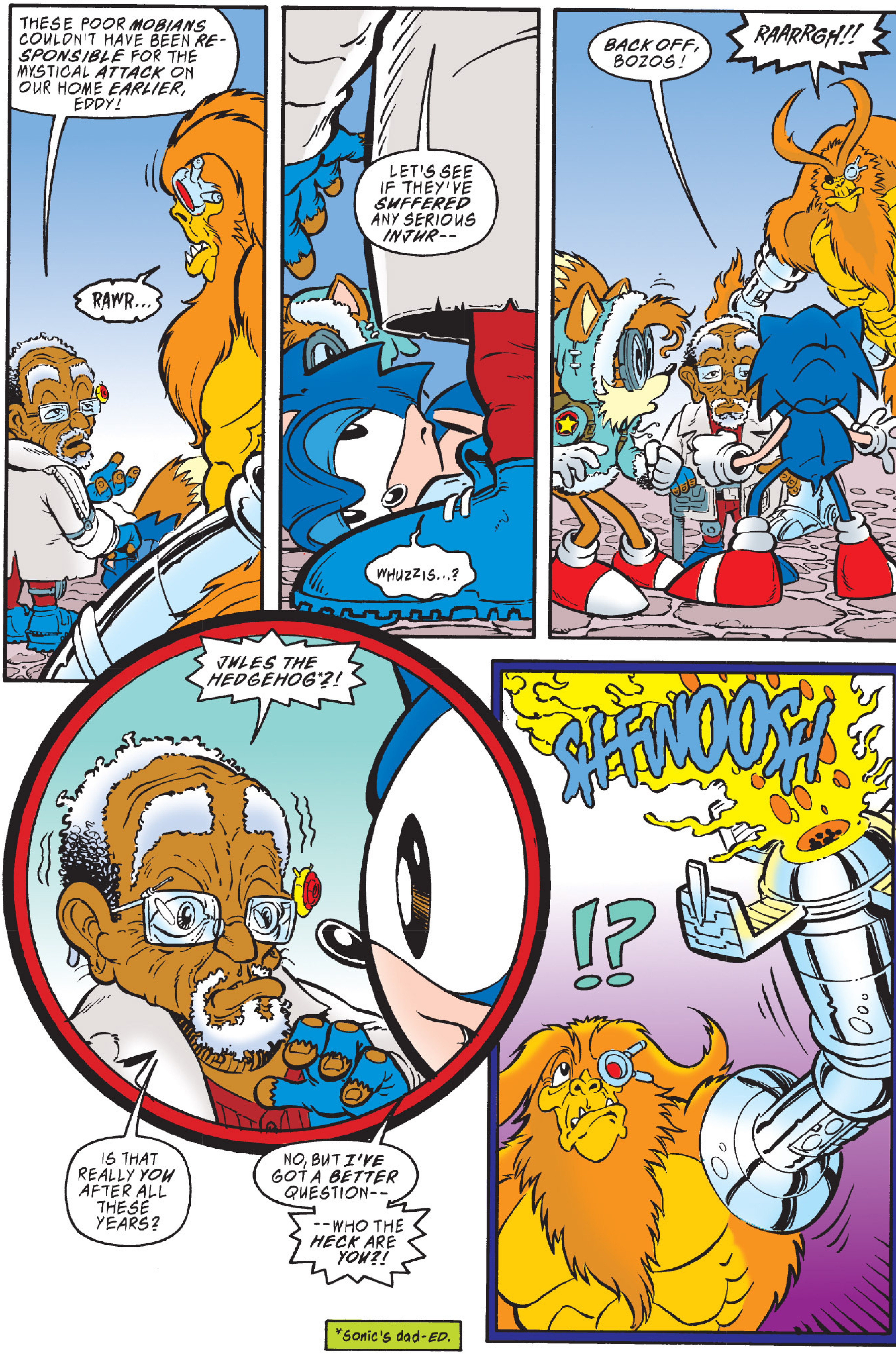

--SNOW?!
OH NO.
OH NO, INDEED! I CAN MYSTICALLY SHAPE MY BODY TO MIMIC THE FOUR ELEMENTS -- EARTH, WIND, FIRE AND WATER!
YOUR AIRCRAFT DID NOT EXPERIENCE TURBULENCE BEFORE REACHING SANDBLAST CITY -- IT WAS I IN CLOUD FORM ATTACKING YOU!*
* SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -ED.
HANG ON, SONIC!
ROWR
?
NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!
TAILS! TAILS!
IF TAILS HAS BEEN HURT--
!
FLIP
--I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!


WHAT THE SUPER-HEROIC HEDGEHOG SEES NEXT MAKES HIM GO--
FWOOSH
NOOO! GET AWAY FROM 'IM, YA BIG--BIG--
WELL, I'LL FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT 'IT' IS AFTER I'M THROUGH ROCKIN' 'ITS' WORLD!
WHATEVER THAT CREATURE'S DOIN' TO TAILS IS WAY PAST COOL-- NOT... IN OTHER WORDS: HOT!
KTANG
TAKE THAT, FLAME-BRAIN!
MY BET'S RIDING ON THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT, QUICKSTER!
SNOW-BOT...?


RRR?
WHAT'S WRONG NOW?!
IT'S QUITE APPARENT YOU SIMPLETON--
RUMMMMMBBBLLLL
"--IT'S AN AVALANCHE!
"WE'RE ABOUT TO BE--
"--BURIED!"
MINUTES PASS, AND THEN...
FWOOSH


THE IXIS-NAMED ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT STANDS TRIUMPHANTLY AFTER MELTING ITS WAY THROUGH TONS OF SNOW AND ICE--
--THE UNMOVING SONIC AND TAILS FIRMLY IN ITS GRASP.
BUT WHAT NEXT?
THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURE LOOKS SKYWARD FOR AN ANSWER--
AND IMMEDIATELY SEES ONE.
IT WILL TAKE THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO REACH THE CASTLE--
CROUCH--
--LAUNCH--
--AND LAND!


IT IS A TINY LABORATORY TO WHICH THE SNOW-BOT BRINGS THE UNCONSCIOUS ADVENTURERS...
...BUT IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!
EDDY!
RUHR?
IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR SINCE YOU WENT OUTSIDE ON PATROL!
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, OLD FRIEND?
...AND WHO'VE YOU BROUGHT HOME?


THESE POOR MOBIANS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN RE-SPONSIBLE FOR THE MYSTICAL ATTACK ON OUR HOME EARLIER, EDDY!
RAWR...
LET'S SEE IF THEY'VE SUFFERED ANY SERIOUS INJUR--
WHUZZIS...?
BACK OFF, BOZOS!
RAARRGH!!
JULES THE HEDGEHOG*?!
IS THAT REALLY YOU AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?
NO, BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER QUESTION--
--WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
SHFWOOSH!
!?
*Sonic's dad-ED.

THAT IS NATE MORGAN--
--AND HE, QUICKSTER, IS THE *KEY* TO TAKING *ABSOLUTE* CONTROL OVER ALL OF MOBIUS! HA! HA! HA!
NAUGUS!
TO BE CONTINUED!

THE PLACE: THE RECAPTURED ROYAL PALACE. (FORMERLY ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS.) THE TIME: 9:28am
GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS!
MORNING!
PRINCESS, IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE--
NOT NOW, HERSHEY!
NOTHING PERSONAL--
--BUT I HAVE A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND THAT REQUIRE SERIOUS ATTENTION!
--AND THERE'S JUST THE PERSON I NEED TO SEE!
FATHER!
SALLY!
WHATEVER BRINGS YOU HERE?
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I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, FATHER!
DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT PUT ME IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT TONE OF VOICE, SALLY!
YOU'RE DOING EXACTLY AS I INSTRUCTED!
HOWEVER, AS YOUR LIEGE AND TITULAR HEAD OF THE KINGDOM OF MOBOTROPOLIS--
--IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE REALM AS I SEE FIT!
Tales of the Freedom Fighters
Presents:
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
BUT WHERE DOES COMMANDER St. JOHN FIT INTO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND?
BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE--
--I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE PRINCESS!
COMMANDER St. JOHN!
I'M SORRY--
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE
PART 4
THE MISSION


--BUT YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS!
YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE TO REPORT TO THE BRIEFING ROOM! I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MOMENT!
AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!
FATHER! I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
WHY AM I BEING CUT OUT OF THE LOOP?
SALLY, MY DEAR, YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN SHOULD FOCUS SOLELY ON THE RECONSTRUCTION!
NONE OF THIS INVOLVES YOU!
AT LEAST FOR NOW!
BUT FATHER--!
I'VE SAID MY PIECE, DAUGHTER!
THAT WILL BE ALL!
YES--
--SIR!
SIGH--
--BUT SHE CAN BE STUBBORN--


--JUST LIKE HER MOTHER!
TEN-HUTT!
AS YOU WERE, EVERYONE! BE SEATED!
WE'VE A LOT TO COVER AND NOT MUCH TIME!
BEFORE I BEGIN, I MUST ACKNOWLEDGE I'VE READ YOUR REPORTS, COMMANDER--
--AND I'M QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS OF YOUR TEAM!
HERSHEY--
VALDEZ--
WOMBAT STU--
HEAVY AND BOMB--
YOU ARE ALL A CREDIT TO YOUR COMMANDER--
--AS WELL AS TO THE REALM!
AND NOW--
--THE REASON YOU'VE BEEN ASSEMBLED!
HEREWITH--
--YOUR FIRST MISSION--


--HAD ITS ORIGINS SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO--
--WHILE THIS KINGDOM DEFENDED ITS HONOR AND CITIZENRY FROM THE AGGRESSIONS OF THE OVERLANDERS!
"THOSE WERE DARK DAYS INDEED, AND JUST AS MATTERS GREW WORSE...
SIRE, THE CASTLE IS IN DANGER OF FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS!
NEVER! NOT WHILE WE CAN FIGHT TO OUR LAST BREATH!
MY LORD! THE KINGDOM CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR WISDOM! YOU MUST SEEK SANCTUARY!
DARLING ALICIA! YOUR PLACE IS IN THE BUNKERS WITH JULAYLA, ROSIE, AND THE CHILDREN!
THEY WERE EXCAVATED IN THE KNOTHOLE CAVERNS BY OUR ANCESTORS FOR SUCH A PURPOSE.
HOWEVER, I MUST LEAD OUR PROUD WARRIORS AGAINST THOSE THAT WOULD DESTROY US!
COMMANDER St. JOHN!
SIRE?
PLEASE ESCORT QUEEN ALICIA AND THE BOY TO SAFETY IN KNOTHOLE!
I'M SORRY, SIRE, BUT KNOTHOLE IS CUT OFF TO US FOR THE TIME BEING!
WE'VE ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION!
I WANT YOU AND A TEAM OF YOUR BEST TROOPS TO ESCORT THE QUEEN TO OUR RESIDENCE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND RIGHT NOW!
AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE!


"WHILE THE COMMANDER AND HIS TROOPS ESCORTED MY BELOVED WIFE TO SAFETY, SEVERAL OF THE REALM'S FINEST AND I ENGAGED THE OVER-LANDERS IN MORTAL COMBAT!
WE MAY HAVE PRESERVERED IN THE KINGDOM, BUT APPARENTLY THE COMMANDER AND HIS TEAM DID NOT!
THE LAST I HEARD--
--WAS THAT THE OVERLANDERS HAD ATTACKED THE QUEEN'S CONVOY UPON REACHING THE FLOATING ISLAND!
WE LOST ALL CONTACT WITH THEM AFTER THAT!
I SENT A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE SOME TIME LATER--
--AND NOT A TRACE COULD BE FOUND!
RECENTLY NEW EVIDENCE HAS EMERGED THAT COULD REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN AND HER GUARDSMEN!
COMMANDER, I ORDER YOU TO TAKE YOUR TEAM TO THE FLOATING ISLAND--
--FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED--
--AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT HAS HAUNTED ME FOR MANY A NIGHT--
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO QUEEN ALICIA? (THE ANSWER AWAITS YOU IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4 COMING SOON!)


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